Conjeevaram on the ground that the municipal council proposed to undertake the supply itself and that there was no scope for the operation of two licences in the same area.

Excise

Opening and closure of toddy and arrack shops during the last five years.

* 333 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any new shops for toddy or arrack were opened during the last five years;

(b) if so, how many under each head in each year;

(c) whether any shops were closed during the same period; and

(d) if so, how many?

A—(a) to (d) The net figures are as follows:—

Year.		Toddy shops.		Arrack shops.	
		Newly opened.	Closed.	Newly opened.	Closed.
1924–25	...	68	211	55	204
1925–26	...	118	129	81	120
1926–27	...	78	221	67	99
1927–28	...	135	151	50	145
1928–29	...	70	222	76	121

Closure of liquor shops during festival days.

* 334 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government will fix the festival and other occasions when the liquor shops should be closed instead of leaving the matter to be decided by the Commissioner and Collectors; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will appoint a Committee for the purpose?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government do not see any reason to take action as suggested.

Object of the temperance propaganda by the Government.

* 335 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) what is the definite object now of the temperance propaganda of the Government;

(b) whether total abstinence will be preached or only temperance; and

(c) the institutions or individuals to whom the Rs. 4 lakhs is proposed to be distributed?

A.—(a) to (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 122 answered on 8th August 1929. Institutions or individuals will be considered by the Central Propaganda Board when District Committees make special proposals in the matter.